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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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#### Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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#### Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.  
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.  
 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
 6) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.  
 7) Claim(s) 7-11 is/are objected to.  
 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
     Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
     Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
 a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:  
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>8/31/2001</u> .	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Title***

1. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

### ***Claim Objections***

2. Claims 7-11 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend from any other multiple dependent claim. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claims have not been further treated on the merits.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable over Pfaff (U.S. 6,199,101).

Pfaff discloses claims :

1. A computer system comprising at least two processes P1, P2, . . . Pi, . . . PN connected by a network wherein, each process being executed by a piece of hardware equipped with an operating system, a process comprises at least:

a library software layer by which this operating system can access the programs for the activation of the communications protocols associated with the inputs/outputs (fig.1; col.4, line 49-col.5, line 65);

an intermediate layer comprising an inter-process communications process associated with a communications channel (ASC);

a multiplexer encapsulated in the library multiplexing the communications channel of a process Pi with the communications channels of the other processes P1, P2, . . . PN, the exchanges being made in the form of data flows, the communications channel between two processes Pi, Pk being activated by the multiplexers of the two processes, upon a request by one of them (fig.7)

2. A system according to claim 1, wherein the library is interposed between an applications software layer and the operating system (fig.7).

3. A system according to one of the above claims, wherein the transmission channel carries out the one-way transfer of data between two processes (fig.8).

4. A system according to one of the above claims, wherein the inter-process communications service is activated by the multiplexer by the interception of calls pertaining to inputs/outputs according to a protocol made up of requests and responses, this protocol being defined at the level of the multiplexer in a table indicating the type of data, the exchanges being made in the form of data flows (col. 6 lines 1-50).

5. A system according to claim 4 wherein, in addition to the inter-process communications service, other services activated by the multiplexer are associated with the process, the services being activated according to a protocol consisting of requests and responses (Ai, Xsi, ASC)

6. A system according to any of the claims 4 or 5, wherein the table indicates the type of data, namely whether it is a request or a response, the associated service as well as the sizing attributes for the data processing (fig.2, For example, it is provided that the owner of the application ANW (see FIG. 2) constructs the access control data bank as text datafile with the assistance of a text editor).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey Pwu whose telephone number is 571 272-6798. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on 571 272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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